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## SALOONS AND THE FAIR.

There is a movement in Portland backed up by many representative citizens to prevent the proximity of saloons surrounding the fair grounds of the Lewis and Clark exposition. It is not a movement of the prohibitionists or the local option contingent, but by citizens irrespective of political affiliations or prohibition alliances. It is a movement of the respectable element, many of whom have no objection to saloons in the city limits, but who are opposed to the contaminating influences incident of hangers-on in front of saloons at the gates of every entrance to the fair grounds. It is not even urged upon moral grounds, but to protect the reputation of the city of Portland and its people and the visitors who will come to the fair this year. It is a commendable desire on the part of the representative citizens to protect Portland's reputation and not have eastern visitors return to their homes and say that Portland is a city of saloons where vice and crime are the salient features.

Petitions to the common council to revoke the licenses issued have been turned down, and the people are compelled to invoke local option that the people may have an opportunity to do what their representatives in the deliberative and legislative body of the city refuse to do. In this the opposing forces to saloons at the fair grounds should have and no doubt will receive the support of a large majority of the voters in the district to be embraced in the prohibition section surrounding the Lewis and Clark fair. It seems apparent to a casual observer that the wholesale liquor houses, who furnish the means to set up men in the saloon business, and the liquor dealers' association are standing in their own light. Today Oregon is antagonistic to prohibition legislation, believing that it can not be made operative or effective, founded upon the experiences of prohibition states. There is also a strong sentiment against the present local option law in the belief that it is too much of a one-sided affair, but the persistent efforts of the liquor dealers to dispose of their wares and the establishment of saloons at the fair grounds is certain to work up a strong sentiment all over the state in favor of the local option law and a continuance of the present tactics, upheld and indorsed by the common council of Portland is certain to augment the forces of local option and thousands of people will lay aside their personal opinions as to the efficacy of local option and vote for the amendment whenever and wherever it is submitted to a popular vote. Thus, the money realized from the sale of liquors to saloons will have to be used, and considerable more, to fight local option at the election next June when it will no doubt be submitted to a vote of the people.

Many voters who have no objections to saloons in certain prescribed limits of a city or municipality, will not

quickly submit to unwarranted aggressions upon territory where saloons are not wanted and the tendency of the people will be to administer a just rebuke to the liquor interests of the state. There are probably thousands of voters in the state who have no personal objection to saloons, regarding them as a necessary evil, but who do and will oppose the establishment of them in the residence districts. They may take an occasional drink themselves, but they do not want their children constantly beset by the temptations incident to saloons and the class of people, known as "bar-room bums," who have lost all respect for themselves and have none for anyone else.

## DUTY OF VOTERS.

By invoking the referendum on the appropriation bill passed by the last legislature, the question of approving the bill now rests with the voters of the state. The objection to the appropriation bill was not to the item necessary for the maintenance of any of the state institutions located at the capital of the state, but to what is termed the "normal school graft." An investigation of the matter has convinced the people that at least three of the normal schools of the state are wholly unnecessary and are not in fact conducted as normal schools should be, that is to say, a normal school is supposed to be an educational institution for fitting young men and women as teachers. They were not intended to be attended by small children in the rudimentary studies, neither were they intended to take the place of high schools.

While it may be true that a number of teachers are graduated from these schools every year, it is also true that branches are taught that more properly belong to the public schools, requiring a greater force of teachers, and when dependent upon the state, a large appropriation of funds. It has been stated that the normal school at Drain in Douglas county is the only school in that town. That there are no public schools and that the children of the town and immediate vicinity are educated at the expense of the state, while every other city or town in the state is taxed for the maintenance of the public schools. In the whole of the state of Oregon, including the town there is less than 1000 population. There is another normal school at Ashland, a few miles further south and in the adjacent county. Astoria or Clatsop county has no normal school and it has a population of 12,000 in the city and 18,000 in the county, and it is over 200 miles to the nearest normal school.

But aside from all these facts, the principal objection to the normal schools is that there are three too many. If they are state institutions, supported by the state, then they must be located at Salem under the provisions of the state constitution, which provides "that all public institutions of the state, hereafter provided for by the legislative assembly, shall be located at the seat of government." There has never been any objection to the Monmouth normal school, and no objection to one normal school in the state, but when there are three additional ones in a state of less than 500,000 population, and every time there is a session of the legislature they want increased appropriations, the time has come to put a check to perverting public funds for purposes that are wholly unconstitutional.

It is not a question of tying up all the institutions of the state, nor impairing their efficiency, but it is a question of tacking the normal school graft onto the appropriation bill. It is impossible to introduce a separate bill in the legislature for this purpose. The representatives from the counties where the normal schools are located insist and make combinations to have it inserted in the general appropriation bill knowing full well that an appropriation bill for normal schools alone would not pass the legislature. It is for this reason

and no other that the people of Oregon propose to do what the legislature cannot and does not do, veto that portion of the appropriation bill providing for normal schools and in doing so they will be compelled to veto the entire appropriation bill. If this is done, the next legislature will be more careful and appropriations for normal schools will be introduced as separate bills, and it will do away with the combinations made by which the fate of important bills depend upon the passage of appropriations for normal schools.

## OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

**Epitome of Anecdotes and Incidents With Comments by a Layman.**  
Over 23,000 persons died from snake-bite in India last year. It is a fine opening for Kentucky's missionary spirit.

Occasionally a church conference disposes of the question where it gets its money by adopting a resolution showing that it has received nothing whatever from Reed Smoot.

When Eugene Debs declares the sympathetic strike to be an inevitable faller he is not dallying with any mere fanciful theory.

If the Astoria trout fishermen knew it the really burdensome tax on them is that collected by Uncle Sam through the revenue from the bait.

The Seaside Signal says: "The officer had hardly stepped from the saloon when he returned with a plain drunk." How easy.

"Our liquor bill," says the Atlanta Constitution, "is \$1,000,000 per annum." We are now waiting for Henry Waterson to call the bulk of the Georgia editor.

A Portland minister says that "heaven is not far off." Not as far off as the preacher who thinks it is in the immediate vicinity of Portland.

The editor of the Cathlamet Gazette says: "Ten years ago we entered the newspaper business poor, but honest. We are still poor."

Lieutenant (showing party over bat ship)—This is the quarter deck.  
Man from the country—Gee! I thought it was all free.

A St. Paul paper has a headline, "Better Hogs in St. Paul." Maybe so, but it is evident that the editor has never visited Portland.

The Ashland Tidings editor figures out how a person can attend the Lewis and Clark fair for \$2.50. That's the same gang that used to go to Seaside on Sunday excursions.

A good many editorials written in favor of closing the saloons are evolved under the soothing influence of a Scotch highball.

A justice of the peace in Winfield offered to give a thief his freedom if he would run 50 yards in six seconds and pay the costs in the case. The thief ran the distance in the stipulated time, but attained such a momentum that he did not stop to pay the costs.

## DAYS OF DIZZINESS.

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Doan's Kidney Pills cure all kidney  
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P. Waddell, Portland.  
J. C. Barclay, Long Beach.  
R. P. Going, Long Beach.  
George Warren, Tacoma.  
B. B. Magruder, Portland.  
S. W. Dettig and wife, Holton.  
Sam Lee, Ft. Stevens.  
J. C. Read and wife, Oregon City.  
W. M. Galtner, Knappa.  
P. Henrica, Knappa.  
A. Johnson, Portland.  
L. Litcher, Deep River.  
Nils Saukala, Ilwaco.  
W. J. Andrews, Portland.  
R. Harvey, Portland.

## Occident.

S. S. Taplitz, Seattle.  
A. J. Heinerman, San Francisco.  
P. C. Felton, Chicago.  
G. J. Gessell, Hood River.  
Mrs. Walter Reed, Portland.  
Miss K. Lawler, Portland.  
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J. W. Belcher, Portland.  
Dom J. Zan, Portland.  
Mr. and Mrs. Selger, Portland.  
W. H. Raymond, Portland.  
Mrs. L. A. Carlisle, Seaside.  
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